

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD

"Therefore, I, the Lord, have suffered you to come unto this place; for thus it was expedient in me for the salvation of souls. Therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people; speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and you shall not be confounded before men; For it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment, what ye shall say." D&C 100:4-7



Your missionary call letter states, "You will be expected to devote all your time and attention to serving the Lord, leaving behind all other personal affairs. As you do these things the Lord will bless you and you will become an effective advocate and messenger of the truth."

I believe that planning and goal setting coupled with accountability allows us to "devote all of our time and attention to serving the Lord..." In our mission we need to have hourly, daily, weekly and monthly plans both for our individual study and repentance but also our companionship work. These plans necessarily contain many goals we intend to achieve. When we have no plans or goals we are like a person lost on the ocean in a row boat without a compass. We do not know in what direction to row and therefore lose enthusiasm and ambition to row and just move about aimlessly. However, when we see an island in the distance, we suddenly have a plan and a goal to row to the island and check often to see if we are making progress, thus holding ourselves accountable.

Planning is a God-like activity. God gave us some good ideas and a great example for planning our lives while he was carrying out his program of creating the earth. He had a great purpose in mind and there was an important need to be satisfied. He had billions of spirit children who required a mortal home. This was all in conformance with His great plan of happiness proposed by our elder brother Jesus Christ. As we know Satan had a plan of his own and is still trying to work his plan here on the earth.

Actually, God has written out in advance much of His plan for the history of our earth, as well as the people who will live upon it. In the forty days that Moses spent with God on the top of Mount Sinai, God gave him a vision of our earth from its beginning to the end thereof. See Moses 1:7-8, 27-28, 40. He also showed many other prophets his plan such as Enoch, "And the Lord showed Enoch all things, even unto the end of the world; and he saw the day of the righteous, the hour of their redemption; and received a fulness of joy." Moses 7:67. He also showed Abraham his own existence in the pre-mortal life and showed him His plan and program that was carried out in our first estate. He has also shown the winding up scene and the time when all men will stand before God in the final judgment. See Rev. 20: 12-15.

The scriptures are given to each of us to learn and understand God's plan for us and his program for our eternal welfare. They are given as a plan for our mortal success.

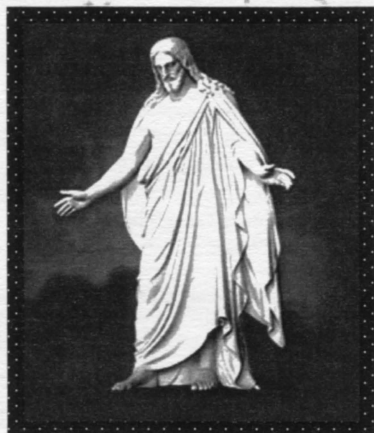
Someone once said that no plan is a plan until it is written down on paper. Imagine an architect for an important building who only carried the plan in his head. Would you want him building your home? When our individual and companionship goals and plans are not put in writing are we like that architect? If our goals and plans are written down we are much more likely to think them through, make them as definite as possible and thus increase the probability that we will be able to accomplish our goal. Is it any wonder why we have been asked to use our daily planner, area book, progress record etc. to plan our mission and set our goals?

Missions are a part of the plan of happiness. We, here in the Salt Lake City mission, were foreordained to be here. It is a part of our plan of happiness. The plan was and is that you and I will give all our heart, mind, might and strength to this work. Why? President Hinckley said it this way, "Reach out to bless others, that, because of your efforts, someone may live a little closer to the Lord and have a little greater happiness in his or her life. That is the end of our existence, when all is said and done: to build happiness in the lives of people, because the thing we teach is the Lord's Plan of Happiness." May it be our plan, goal and mission so to do. President Moeller

"Master Teacher"



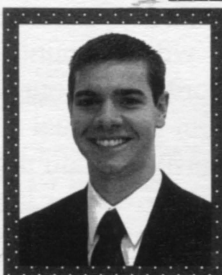
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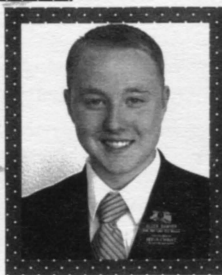
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UTAH SALT LAKE CITY MISSION 2006



September Baptisms:

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Granite.....	18
Helaman.....	22
Magna.....	13
Olympus.....	6
Pioneer.....	34
Temple.....	14
Tooele.....	19
West Valley.....	17
Wyoming.....	10

Mission Totals: 172

September	172
August	144

Elder Pinegar, (Oct. Devotional)

Motto for Missionary Work:

Faith is the power

Love is the motive

Obedience is the price

The spirit is the key, For Christ is the reason.

ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT



"And ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet, declaring my word like unto angels of God." – D&C 42:6

How are we to declare the word of God like unto angels? In 2 Nephi 31:13 Nephi taught that when we are baptized "... then shall ye receive the Holy Ghost, yea, then

cometh the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels..." In 2 Nephi 32:3 He taught "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, wherefore, they speak the words of Christ." And again in 2 Nephi 33:1 he taught,

"...when a man speaketh by the power of the Holy Ghost the power of the Holy Ghost carrieth it unto the hearts of the children of men."

To declare the word of God like unto angels, we must speak by the power of the Holy Ghost. And when we speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, we speak the words of Christ. This is why it is crucial that we keep our hearts worthy of what is held in front of them. In Mosiah 4:30 King Benjamin declared, "...if ye do not watch yourselves, and your thoughts, and your words, and your deeds, and observe the commandments of God, and continue in the faith...even unto the end of your lives, ye must perish. And now, O man, remember and perish not." Elders and Sisters, this is the Lord's work, we are on His errand. May we watch ourselves, that we may always be worthy of the Spirit and declare the word like unto angels of God.

The Assistants,
Elder Haynie, Elder Mourelatos and Elder Wheeler



CERTIFIED TEACHER

ELDER STOVALL, ELDER FARLEY

ELDER CHRISTENSEN

SKILLED TEACHER

ELDER CLARK, ELDER HOLYOAK

ELDER REESE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



02 Nov	Elder Banta
10 Nov	Elder Bruce
14 Nov	Elder Alvarado
16 Nov	Elder Tuifua
19 Nov	Elder Chai
20 Nov	Elder Guertin
20 Nov	Sister Jackson
21 Nov	Elder Norton*
26 Nov	Sister Cox
29 Nov	Elder Orbiso

30 Nov	Sister Carmona
30 Nov	Elder Ford
01 Dec	Elder Arnott
03 Dec	Elder Gray
03 Dec	Sister Vaka
07 Dec	Sister Larsen
08 Dec	Sister SantaMaria
10 Dec	Elder Ruano
15 Dec	Elder R. Carter

* Senior Missionary

Thanksgiving Thought:

The Lord said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15.) Our obedience to the laws, ordinances, and commandments is the greatest expression of love and gratitude that we can bestow upon Him.



Welcome New Missionaries!

"Even before they were born, they, with many others, received their first lessons in the world of spirits and were prepared to come forth in the due time of the Lord to labor in his vineyard for the salvation of the souls of men". D&C 138:56

INCOMING OCTOBER 25, 2006

* Spanish
**Tongan



Elder Bruce
Moses Lake,
Washington



*Elder Coss y Leon
San Bernardino,
California



Elder Fritzler
Concord,
North Carolina



**Elder Foliaki
Auckland,
New Zealand



Sister Grandon
Etobicoke,
Canada



*Elder Haueter
Modesto,
California



Sister Kamps
Noblesville,
Indiana



Elder Koskinen
Turku
Finland



Sister Rein
Momence,
Illinois



Elder Sanchez
Bakersfield,
California



Elder Snajdar
Czech
Republic



*Elder Vathauer
Hollywood,
Florida



Elder Wagner
Marietta,
Georgia



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Baldwin City,
Kansas



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Departing Missionaries



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The time has come, I never thought that the time would arrive. I am grateful for these two years that I had to serve the Lord in this great and marvelous work. I always did what I could, according to the will of the Lord. I'm grateful for the chance that the Lord has given me to serve his children as a missionary. I would like to share my testimony: I know that the gospel is true, that God is real, and I know that Jesus is the Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and Judge of the world and that the Book of Mormon is the word of God, for us in our day. I'm grateful for all of my companions, Elder Chai aguas, Elder Rodriguez, Elder Hernandez tu decides Utah o Texas, Elder Pacheco mi capitan pacheco

siempre con la mirada al frente, Elder Altuzarra llama al gordo para que me ayude Elder Jardon ponte pilas con los 46 mi carnal Elder Perez ponte pila con la camisa Elder Munoz que grande que sos carlitos nos vemos en sudafrica 2010. Thank you all and let us continue with an eye single to the glory of God. Amen Elder Jose L. Alvarado, Ecuador



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"El Fin Se Acerca y Hay Poco Tiemp" Bueno, It just doesn't seem all that real. The other day at a dinner appointment a potential investigator asked how I felt about my mission and going home. I told him that I love my family and I would like to go home, but I will miss sharing the gospel. I'm sorry this will be in Spanglish.... "Y les dijo tambien el Senor: Id entre los lamanitas, vuestros hermanos, y estableced my papabra; empero sereis pacientes en las congojas y aflicciones, para que les deis buenos ejemplos en mi;

yos hare instrumentos en mis manos, para la salvacion de muchas almas." (Alma 17:11) My mission is the story of me being an instrument. There is nothing like a first lesson where the spirit is so strong everyone cries. I love the work of the Lord. I love helping people take off the blinders and know that they lived before this life, why they're here and where they'll go afterwards, I love seeing my spiritual babes make covenants with the Lord through baptism. The changes that they make to get there is the real miracle. All my investigators are in my heart. This truly has been a spiritual rollercoaster. As I shared with my hija companion the other day, it can all be summed up by this scripture: "Y asi vemos el gran llamamiento de delegencia a los hombres para obrar en las vinas del Senor; y asi vemos el gran motivo de dolor, como tambien del gozo: dolor a causa de la muerte y destruccion entr los hombres y gozo a causa de la luz de Cristo para vida." (Alma 28:14) It's been so hard and so worth every minute. I feel so grateful to Padre Celestial for this love I have towards my lamanite friends. My mission will last a lifetime. Just not as a full-timer. I still have so much to do. "We all have work let no one shirk".... Ya'll know. A mi gente en la Zona de Helaman. YOU'RE MY FRIENDS!!! YOU'RE SO LOVELY!!! Helaman siguen adelante. Me siento tan feliz por haber estado en la zona. Les amo mucho. A MI POSTERIDAD: Portanse ien. Y trabajen para que Dios sea orgulloso de ustedes. (3Nefi 11:7) TO MY BEST FRIEND: I'll never see you again. Podemos ser compas en el mundo de los espíritus. JAJA. Yo se que la iglesia de Cristo ha diso restqurada en la tierra por conducto do Jose Smith. Yo se que El Libro de Mormon es el libro que now lleva a la salvacion. Prenden las pilas y sigue adelante con fe. Hay gente esperandote. I LOVE YA'LL HNA CARMONA



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Someone once said that the mission is like the MTC for the rest of your life, and it's true. I've learned a lot that I will be able to carry with me forever. It's pretty amazing to consider the eternal blessings that we receive by serving a mission with all of our heart, might, mind, and strength. Time flies when you're having fun. It flies even faster when you're having fun serving the Lord. The Church is true, the Spirit has whispered it to me many times. Les quiero un chorro. portense bien. no te quiero ver llorar, bauticen 60. Trabajen como burro inteligentes. With much love, Elder Haight



Departing Missionaries



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I do not understand everything about this mission, but I do understand that while helping others gain a testimony, we sure build our own! Doctrine and Covenants 18:11-12, 14-15 ...the Lord, your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come into him... He hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto Him on conditions of repentance, wherefore you are called...and if it so be that ye should labor all your days...and bring save it be one soul unto me, how great shall be your joy! Christ did not die for Himself, but for all men. It is important that all receive this gospel and it's saving ordinances. So be what the Lord expects of you and you will fill your mission well!

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I have to admit, two years ago when I received my call to the Salt Lake City Utah Mission, I was a little disappointed. I now regret those feelings of disappointment and have realized what a blessing it is to serve here at the heart of the church. All the experiences, testimonies, answered prayers and impressions of the Holy Ghost have led me to know that it's all true. I know that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and that through His prophet He has restored his church. I will miss all of you. Keep working hard. With love, Elder Park



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I have been privileged in all: privileged to represent the Lord Jesus Christ, privileged to serve among you, and privileged to serve where I have, with whom I have. I will miss it forever. I will miss you forever. I know this work is the Lord's, and that he is the author and finisher of it. Be true servants of Christ. Therein is happiness. Now, what do we hear in the gospel which we have received? ..Mercy from heaven; ..Truth out of the earth... Brethren, shall we not go on in so great a cause? Go forward and not backward! Courage brethren; and on, on to the victory! (D&C 128) May God grant unto you success. Godspeed. It'll be over only too soon: "An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come." Ezek. 7:6 Love, Elder Reese



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This calling and experience have opened my eyes, my heart and mind to the realization of the power in the Gospel. I am a witness that it has power to heal, persuade, confound, enlighten, cast out contention, and bring the most indescribable peace one can attain in this life. My learning and most of what I have gained is on account of having great companions. I know that each one was called to serve with me that I might more fully understand the plan our Father in Heaven has for us. My testimony of organization has grown along with brotherhood. There is great power given when we're united in purpose and desire. I hope and pray this mission will continue in its course. The Lord has shown great mercy to each of us by entrusting us with the work right here where the prophets and apostles gather. I'm grateful for the plan of salvation. I look forward to the day when our memory of all things is restored and we know and see all things from the beginning. I am sad to go, and a little scared of the future, but I know the Lord will provide. I love you all. The only advice I have is to keep moving forward. Be grateful for every challenge, and have the confidence in your calling to face and overcome each challenge. The work is real. It is of God. Joseph did see the Father and the Son. We cannot afford to lose the vision of the work that began the day in 1820. Till Then Elders, Sisters, President and Sister Moeller. Thank you for everything.

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A part me can't believe that it is all over, but here I am! I have to say that I have loved my mission and it has really meant a lot to me. These past 2 years have come and gone so fast because I am in the service of my God. I have loved the opportunity I have had to serve all of you. Thank you. Always remember that we have power from on High and that the Lord is using us to build His kingdom here on earth. We are truly His servants doing what He has asked us to do. Let us all work and serve like we have never done before. The desire of my heart and my mind is to be pure and faithful in serving Him now and forevermore. I do know that this Church is true and the work does not stop when we go home. With love, your brother in the Gospel, Elder Ryan Parker Wood



WE WILL MISS YOU!



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We are so thankful for the opportunity we have had to serve in the Utah-SLC Mission office under such great leadership as President and Sister Moeller, as well as the wonderful office staff and such Valiant Missionaries! You are truly 'Servants of the Lord', and to be in your presence has been a blessing and a privilege for us! The best part of our mission has been getting to know you, and see D&C 4 come to life right before our eyes. A Marvelous work has come forth among the children of God, and our Missionaries are serving God with all their heart, might, mind and strength!!! To see the field is white already for you to harvest, which we witnessed through all the many, many baptisms that rolled forth like a flood sweeping this part of the Lord's Vineyard; and to see the many miracles come about not only for ourselves and our families, but the families you taught and baptized. Only through your obedience and sacrifice has this been made possible. You have taught us so much and we are eternally grateful. May the Lord continue to bless each of you now, and throughout your life. We will miss all of you so much. You will always be in our hearts and prayers! Love Always, Elder and Sister Pollock



Welcome New Staff Missionaries



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Hello, We are ancient in years but must still have some mileage left in us; we are anxious to be here and serve in this great mission. Our home is here in Salt Lake City, within the mission boundaries and we have already met many of you wonderful missionaries and felt of your strong spirits. We have four children and twelve grandchildren and love the Gospel with all of our hearts. Think of us as your cheering section, if we can assist you in any way, please let us know. We look forward to serving with you in this, our Heavenly Father's work. Love, Elder & Sister Baxter